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RESIDENTIAL FIRE 4244 Charleswood Avenue





MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 4244 Charleswood Avenue, Monday, November 16, 2020 at 11:33 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-three (33) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief P. Jones was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 12:15 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. The structure and two (2) vehicles sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$9,000.00 vehicles, \$130,800.00 structure and \$65,400.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be the result of a vehicle fire in the carport. Red Cross provided assistance for two (2) adults.

The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their *place* of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY issues please dial (901) 458-8281.